

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1929 - SB 2730

May 28, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits the Governor of Tennessee from making any decision or obligating the state of Tennessee in any way with regard to resettlement of refugees, unless authorized by joint resolution of the General Assembly, with retroactive application. Prohibits any joint resolution passed by the General Assembly to provide authorization to the Governor for more than one year.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017861): Deletes and replaces language from the original bill such that the substantive changes: (1) change the effective date from upon becoming law to October 1, 2020; and (2) remove language stating the language applies retroactively.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Executive Order 13888 of September 26, 2019, provides that refugees may be resettled only in U.S. jurisdictions where both the state and local governments have provided their written consent.
- On December 18, 2019, the Governor of Tennessee consented to initial refugee resettlement in Tennessee per the terms of Executive Order 13888. In addition, according to the Tennessee Office for Refugees, Davidson County, Shelby County, and Knox County consented to such resettlement within their boundaries.
- Any action authorized or required by the General Assembly will be conducted during a regular legislative session.
- Requiring the Governor to seek the approval of the General Assembly in this circumstance will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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